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POLICE OFFICER KILLED BY A CRAZED NEGRO.

Special Policeman Turpin Shot
and Killed Instantly By
Ridley Reed.

SLAYER KILLED BY CHIEF OF POLICE LINK

Quick Action of Officer Saves
Him From Becoming a
Victim.

As the result of an attempt to arrest Ridley Reed, colored, in the negro suburb of Lylesville, yesterday afternoon, Special Policeman S. M. Turpin was killed by Reed, who was himself shot and mortally wounded by Chief of Police Link.

Reed, who was the owner of several pieces of property in Lylesville, had figured in police records for many years, and was regarded as a dangerous man. Some years ago, while under the influence of liquor, he shot at his wife and killed his mother-in-law, who had come in in an effort to preserve peace. For this he was tried, convicted and sentenced to twenty-one years in the penitentiary. After serving twelve years he was released under the parole law, and returned to this city, where he was regarded as a desperate character and mentally unbalanced. Some months ago he was arrested on a lunacy warrant, but at the trial was acquitted.

Sunday morning Reed went on a rampage in Lylesville, and had things practically his own way, threatening to kill anyone who interfered with him. His neighbors said that he was crazy drunk, and were afraid to send word to the police. Reed kept up his orgie, making the neighborhood untenable save for anyone but himself, and on Monday the police were notified.

Chief of Police Fred Link, accompanied by Patrolman King and Special Officer Turpin went to the scene, and upon arriving, were informed that Reed had barricaded himself in his home and was armed with a shotgun loaded with buckshot. Stationing Patrolman King at one door and placing Turpin to guard the exit, Link went to the side of the house. Turpin advanced toward the steps, when suddenly, Reed, who had concealed himself behind a curtain, fired through the window at close range with the shotgun. The heavy charge struck Turpin in the breast, going directly through the heart, and leaving a gaping wound. He fell forward dead.

Hearing the shot Chief of Police Link ran toward the steps and as he came up Reed, who had left his place of concealment, came running down the steps with drawn shotgun pointed directly at the officer. Link, who had drawn his revolver upon hearing the shot, quickly got the drop on the crazed negro, and fired twice, the bullets striking just above the right eye, and penetrating the brain. The negro pitched forward, the shotgun with which he had intended killing the officer falling at the latter's feet. Had Link been a second later, he would have shared the fate of Turpin.

Turpin was elected Constable of the Paris Precinct at the last election, and had just been appointed as a special officer for extra duty on the police force. He was appointed and sworn in as a special officer to act for a day or two only, during the absence of Patrolman Elgin, who was off duty a day or so on account of a slight illness. He had just assumed his new duties Saturday For some year before becoming an officer he conducted a restaurant near the L. & N. junction, and later had a lunch stand in Eighth street. He leaves a wife and several children. He was a member of Central Lodge No. 8, I. O. O. F., of Danville, and was an officer in the local lodge of Junior order of American Mechanics.

The slain negro had an unenviable record, and the prediction was frequently made that he would eventually cause serious trouble unless restrained or confined in an asylum.

Coroner Davis will hold an inquest at the Court House Thursday morning, when the circumstances of the killing will be brought out.

THOMAS OFFERS \$500.00
REWARD FOR LAW VIOLATORS.

Hon. Claude M. Thomas, of Paris, candidate for Congress, offers a reward of \$500 for the first apprehension and conviction of any one guilty of violating the election laws on election day; \$250 for the second apprehension and \$100 for the fourth. This offer made by Thomas applies to every county in the district.

TO-MORROW.

See Maurice Burnaw dance with Flo LaBadie in The Million Dollar Mystery, Wednesday, July 29th, at The Columbia Theatre.

ELECTION OFFICERS FOR THE PRIMARY.

At a meeting of the Bourbon County Election Commissioners, held at the Court House Friday, Messrs. B. B. Marsh, W. A. Thomason and Sheriff W. F. Talbott, comprising the Board, were present, and organized by electing Mr. Marsh as Secretary, Mr. Talbott being the Chairman of the Board. The election officers were selected to serve at the August primary following the adoption of the following paragraphs, which were inserted in the records of the meeting:

"At a meeting of the Bourbon County Election Commissioners on this date, after organizing and electing B. B. Marsh as Secretary, the following named officers were appointed to serve at the primary election to be held August 1, 1914.

"The County Executive Committees of the political parties having failed to designate in writing a list of not less than eight names for each precinct to this Board as required by law, and the candidates having failed to designate the names of persons to be appointed officers of the election according to law, the Board appointed the following persons as officers of the election."

Paris No. 1—Thos. Kiser, D. and George Beatty, R. Judges; Frank Clay, R. Sheriff; J. Walter Payne, D. Clerk.

Paris No. 2—Ed. Cantrill, D. and N. A. Moore, R. Judges; Sam Woodford, D. Clerk; Swift Champ, D. Sheriff.

Paris No. 3—Frank Kiser, D. and G. W. Stuart, R. Judges; J. W. Bramlette, R. Sheriff; J. Sims, Wilson, D. Clerk.

Paris No. 4—Walter Clark, D. and J. P. Kane, R. Judges; A. J. Fee, R. Clerk; W. A. Wallen, D. Sheriff.

Paris No. 5—M. F. Kenney, D. and J. D. Shy, R. Judges; C. W. Larkin, R. Sheriff; Harry Baldwin, D. Clerk.

Paris No. 6—L. J. Fretwell, D. and Wyatt Thompson, R. Judges; Homer Shy, Clerk; C. F. Redmon, D. Sheriff.

Millersburg No. 1—Nat Collier, D. and A. T. Moffett, R. Judges; J. S. Shoptaw, R. Sheriff; John Leer, D. Clerk.

Millersburg No. 2—O. H. Collier, D. and Ed Wagoner, R. Judges; Gran Allen, D. Sheriff; D. M. Hurst, R. Clerk.

Flat Rock No. 1—E. J. Burris, D. and W. P. Thomas, R. Judges; Ray Burris, D. Clerk; Ed Thomason, R. Sheriff.

Flat Rock No. 2—Clarence Kenney, D. and Ora Wagoner, R. Judges; Lee Deavers, R. Clerk; Frank Collins, D. Sheriff.

North Middletown No. 1—John J. Redmon, D. and J. W. Murphy, R. Judges; B. W. Rash, D. Clerk; Davis Patrick, R. Sheriff.

North Middletown No. 2—Ben Woodford, Sr., D. and W. R. Tuttle, R. Judges; W. B. Woodford, D. Clerk; Alva Thomas, D. Sheriff.

Clintonville No. 1—W. K. Haley, D. and T. H. Clay, Jr., R. Judges; Fred Estes, D. Clerk; Letcher Weathers, R. Sheriff.

Clintonville No. 2—James Ingles, D. and H. A. Power, R. Judges; Geo. Pepper, R. Clerk; I. D. Thompson, D. Sheriff.

Hutchison No. 1—J. N. Steele, D. and M. R. Jacoby, R. Judges; Robt. Meeter, D. Clerk; Dr. W. K. Dudley, R. Sheriff.

Hutchison No. 2—Forrest Letton, D. and Wm. Hall, R. Judges; Lawrence Horton, R. Clerk; Frank White, D. Sheriff.

Centerville No. 1—John Sparks, D. and Geo. McLeod, R. Judges; John Bell, R. Clerk; Joseph Leach, D. Sheriff.

Centerville No. 2—James Scott, D. and Andrew Reffett, R. Judges; A. P. Adair, D. Clerk; Ewalt Haley, R. Sheriff.

Ruddies Mill No. 1—T. W. Current, D. and Lindsay Hough, R. Judges; James Fisher, D. Clerk; C. L. Hough, R. Sheriff.

Ruddies Mills No. 2—R. R. Turner, D. and William Bell, R. Judges; William Gifford, R. Clerk; George Current, D. Sheriff.

NEW YORK MARINE BAND GIVES DELIGHTFUL CONCERT.

The open air concert given on the court house steps Saturday afternoon by the New York Marine Band, was a delightful musical treat, and one that was greatly enjoyed by a large crowd. A rain which set in shortly after the program began threatened for a time to spoil the enjoyment of the audience, but the clouds passed over and the program was carried out to the end. The band played a program of classic and popular music, which was received with applause by the audience.

The appearance of this organization here was assured by the contributions of the merchants of Paris, and was instrumental in bringing a large crowd to the city. The band was en route to New York, after a successful season on the Southern Chautauqua circuit.

Paris merchants should bring some attraction of this kind to the city every Saturday. It was undoubtedly a big drawing card, and the crowd would have been larger but for the threatening weather.

TENT MEETING.

The Tent Tabernacle meeting at Clintonville, which is being conducted by the Rev. Thomas H. Atkinson, evangelist of the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, continues to attract large audiences, and will probably not close until next Wednesday night. There will be a special service for women only Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Atkinson sings and preaches every evening at 7:30 o'clock.

What has become of the old-fashioned man who used to make his children speak pieces for company?

GRUSOME FIND MADE BY NEGRO TRAMPS

Body of Unknown Negro,
Partly Devoured By Hogs,
Found.

HAD BEEN DEAD FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

Coroner Davis Visits Scene
and Has Remains
Buried.

The mangled and badly mutilated body of an unknown negro man, whose identification could not be established, was found Saturday afternoon near a spring, about one hundred yards from the railroad, on the rear end of Mr. Wm. Turner's place, one mile from Talbott Station.

Two negroes were riding in a box car on the fast freight from Cincinnati, made the discovery. Happening to look out of the car they espied in a hollow near the spring what they thought to be the body of a man, around which a number of hogs were rooting. Upon the arrival of the freight at the Paris depot the negroes notified Mr. Claude Ratliff, who informed Coroner Davis, and related the story as told by the negroes.

The official proceeded at once to the spot indicated by the negroes, and found the body in the position as described by them. The remnants of a pair of overalls and a blue shirt torn into ribbons alone clothed what was left of the body which had been partly devoured by the hogs. At one side was found a blue jacket such as workmen wear. No marks of violence could be found on the body, and the supposition is that the man had gone to the spring to get a drink and had been overcome by the heat or had died of heart trouble. The ground around the spring showed evidence of the body having been dragged around a considerable distance. Nothing except a white handkerchief and a few scraps of bread were found in the pockets, and nothing whatever to identify him. The hogs had devoured the entire lower portion of the body, arms and head, and only the torso was intact.

Mr. Davis secured the assistance of Mr. Turner and two of his farm hands and after communicating with County Judge Millan, the mutilated remains were buried on the spot.

Mr. Turner and one of his men, Mr. Page, remembered seeing a strange negro at the spring on Thursday evening, as they were hauling water to the field, and it is probable that the man's body had been there since that time.

AT THE COLUMBIA.

The Million Dollar Mystery at The Columbia Theatre, Wednesday, July 29th.

PARISIAN SHOT IN ARM.

In a dispute over a game of pool in Middlesboro, Thursday evening, Mr. Clarence Weatherall, formerly of Paris, and proprietor of the pool room, was shot in the arm by Doyle Colson, a member of a prominent family of Middlesboro. Colson came to the pool room and wanted to play on credit, and being refused, drew a revolver and fired one shot at Weatherall, the bullet taking effect in the fleshy part of the arm, and inflicting a painful, but not serious wound. Colson was arrested and placed in jail.

Young Weatherall is the son of Mr. J. F. Weatherall, of this city, and was for a time in the employ of the Deposit Bank, in this city. For the past few months he has been conducting a cigar store and confectionery in connection with a pool and billiard parlor in Middlesboro.

Mr. J. F. Weatherall returned from Middlesboro Saturday and reports him as doing very well, the injury being only a flesh wound.

POLICE LOOKING FOR KNIFE USER.

Gray Russell, a white boy, aged 25, a popular automobile mechanic, of Mt. Sterling, was dangerously stabbed at the fair grounds late Friday night, when three negroes attacked him, apparently with little provocation. Two of the negroes have been apprehended but Jasper Smith, who is said to have done the cutting, is still at large, although a posse has scoured the neighboring country.

Paris police and county officials of Bourbon were notified that the escaped negro was heading in this direction and have kept up a constant vigil, but so far the negro has not been apprehended.

SPECIAL THIS WEEK.

\$5.00 Skirts at \$1.98; \$7.50 Skirts at \$3.98; \$10.00 Skirts at \$6.98; \$15.00 Skirts at \$9.50.

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